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2007

## Regular Session

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## INTRODUCTION

The 2007 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature convened on April 30, 2007 and adjourned on June 28, 2007. The subject matter of this regular session was limited to measures to:

- enact a general appropriation bill;
- enact the comprehensive capital budget;
- make an appropriation;
- levy or authorize a new tax;
- increase an existing tax;
- levy, authorize, increase, decrease, or repeal a fee;
- dedicate revenue;
- legislate with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions, reductions, repeals, or credits; or
- legislate with regard to the issuance of bonds

A total of **2159** bills and resolutions were introduced during the session. The Department of Social Services tracked **126** of these bills and resolutions, assigning them to one of the following categories:

- **DSS:** bills sponsored by the Department – **8**
- **IMPACT (IMP):** bills with an important impact on DSS administration or services -**25**
- **FYI:** bills and resolutions not having a significant impact on DSS administration or services, but are of general interest to some phase of DSS operations - **93**

At the end of the session, **70** bills/resolutions on the DSS Legislative Track File were enacted into law. These enacted bills/resolutions were categorized as follows: **6** DSS bills; **14** Impact bills; and **50** FYI bills/resolutions.

### Highlights of the Legislative Report

<b>Part I: DSS Track File</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete track file of the bills/resolutions, including DSS Offices impacted by bills/resolutions, the dates enrolled and the act numbers of the bills</li><li>• Table of bill numbers to act numbers</li><li>• Table of act numbers to bill numbers</li></ul>
<b>Part II: DSS Bills</b>	General information about bills introduced by DSS, and a detailed summary and history of each one
<b>Part III Super Impact Bills</b>	Summary information of Super Impact bills that have significant impact on DSS
<b>Part IV Impact Bills</b>	Summaries of Impact bills that affect DSS
<b>Part V: Responsibilities</b>	Listing of certain responsibilities assigned to the Department of Social Services

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## DSS TRACKED BILLS/RESOLUTIONS

Bill #	Author	Category	Office Impacted	Summary	Enrolled	Act #	Signed	Effective
HB 1	Alario	IMP	DSS	APPROPRIATIONS: Provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government	6/22/07	18	7/12/07	7/1/07
HB 2	Townsend	FYI	DSS	CAPITAL OUTLAY: Provides for the comprehensive capital outlay budget	6/28/07	28	7/19/07	7/19/07
HB 21	White	FYI		CRIME: Increases penalties for crime of stalking and prohibits expungement and suspension of sentence.	6/12/07	62	6/21/07	8/15/07
HB 33	Hill	FYI	OCS	COURTS: Increases transcription fees for court reporters in the 33rd JDC	5/29/07	2	6/8/07	6/8/07
HB 72	R. Carter	FYI	OCS	JUDGES: Provides for an additional judgeship in the 21st Judicial District Court with subject matter jurisdiction limited to juvenile matters as provided by law	5/29/07	3	6/8/07	6/8/07
HB 73	Ansardi	FYI	OCS	CIVIL/LAW: Provides for the continuous revision of the Civil Code Articles on compromise.	6/19/07	138	6/25/07	8/15/07
HB 136	Bruce	FYI	OCS	CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE: Amends the definition of "protected person" with regard to the taking of testimony outside of the courtroom. Increases the age limit of those "protected persons" who can give testimony outside of the courtroom to include crime victims or witnesses who are under the age of seventeen.	6/13/07	70	6/22/07	8/15/07
HB 148	Farrar	IMP	OFS	DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: Increases the annual salaries of ADAs payable by the state. Effective July 1, 2008, the annual salary of assistant district attorneys is \$45,000 payable monthly by the state treasurer upon the warrant of each of the assistant district attorneys. Present law provides that any increase in salary shall be subject to an appropriation for that.	6/26/07	283	7/9/07	8/15/07
HB 149	Martiny	IMP	OFS	LOTTERY: Provides for the assignment of deferred annuity lottery prizes upon court order. Proposed law provides that voluntary assignments may not include payments which are subject to child support or bankruptcy proceedings.	6/19/07	139	6/25/07	8/15/07
HB 178	Doerge	IMP	OCS	CHILDREN/ABUSE: Provides relative to prenatal neglect. Adds provisions to the prenatal neglect articles to ensure newborns exposed to chronic or severe use of alcohol during pregnancy are properly identified in order to receive treatment services. ** The provisions of this Act shall not become effective unless and until sufficient funds are appropriated by the legislature for such purposes. **	6/28/07	396	7/10/07	SeeAct

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HB 182	Montgomery	FYI	LRS	FUNDS/FUNDING: Dedicates a portion of state revenue from slot machines at racetracks to the Louisiana Association for the Blind.	6/27/07	285	7/9/07	7/1/07
HB 203	Ansardi	IMP	DSS	CIVIL/DISCOVERY: Provides for discovery in civil actions; to provide for the scope of discovery; to provide exceptions to disclosure; to provide remedies for inadvertent disclosure; to provide for discovery of experts; to provide for discovery of electronically stored information; to provide for live trial testimony by video; to provide for delivery of process by commercial carrier; and to provide for related matters.	6/19/07	140	6/25/07	8/15/07
HB 283	R. Carter	FYI	OCS	COURTS/DISTRICT: Provides for the assessment of additional costs in the 21st JDC to pay court reporter fees for transcripts prepared for indigents	5/29/07	4	6/8/07	8/15/07
HB 340	White	FYI	DSS	EMPLOYMENT: Provides relative to rights of employees to be free from reprisal and threats of reprisal for disclosing certain acts of their employers	6/20/07	148	6/25/07	8/15/07
HB 393	Winston	DSS	OCS, DSS	CHILDREN/WELFARE SVCS: Amend (a) Chapter 5, Title V of the Louisiana Children's Code to provide authorizations relative to quality representation of indigent parents in child protection proceedings; and (b) La. R.S. 46:460.21 to facilitate the transformation of the legal representation system for children and indigent parents to the improved system recommended by the Task Force on Legal Representation in Child Protection Cases.	6/12/07	95	6/22/07	8/15/07
HB 412	Crane	FYI	OCS	SOCIAL WORKER: Makes changes to the Louisiana Social Work Practice Act	6/27	436	7/11/07	8/15/07
HB 436	Martiny	FYI	OCS, DSS	INDIGENT DEFENSE: Creates the Louisiana Public Defender Board and provides with respect to the delivery of public defender services in the state of Louisiana.	6/28/07	307	7/9/07	8/15/07
HB 439	Doerge	FYI	DSS	RETIREMENT/DROP: Provides relative to DROP re-deposits for members of Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana and Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System who received qualified hurricane distributions pursuant to the Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005, or the Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005	6/11/07	50	6/18/07	6/18/07
HB 441	Lafleur	FYI	DSS	MILITARY AFFAIRS: Provides for various changes to the laws relating to the administration of the Military Department.	6/27/07	309	7/9/07	7/1/07

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HB 452	Baldone	FYI	OFS	HEALTH CARE/RECORDS: Permits a claimant's representative to request and be furnished a copy of health care records necessary for filing for certain social security benefits.	6/26/07	476	7/12/07	8/15/07
HB 479	Gray	FYI	DSS	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Provides for potential participation of the nongovernmental nonprofit organization Louisiana Family Recovery Corps as part of the state's response to public emergencies and disasters. Provides that any participation by the Recovery Corps in the state's emergency services plans and response shall be supplemental to the first-response duties of the Dept. of Social Services with respect to immediate needs for food and shelter.	6/26/07	313	7/9/07	8/15/07
HB 493	Barrow	FYI	DSS	ETHICS: Provides for certain education and training regarding laws under the jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics.	6/27/07	315	7/9/07	1/1/08
HB 501	Arnold	FYI	OFS, OCS	FAMILY LAW: Provides for venue in certain child support and custody cases post Katrina and Rita. Authorizes the transfer of certain child support and custody cases post Katrina and Rita.	6/13/07	99	6/22/07	8/15/07
HB 516	Dorsey	FYI	DSS	PUBLIC BLDGS/GROUNDS-ST: Provides for the site and designation of the A. Z. Young Park. Provides for a legislative branch commission to recommend and approve the design, content, and location of a plaque and memorial honoring A. Z. Young within the park. Proposed law maintains provisions of present law which provide that any floor of any state building upon which the executive offices of the Dept. of Social Services are located shall be dedicated to the honor and memory of Mya George and all victims of child abuse.	6/20/07	154	6/25/07	6/25/07
HB 519	E Guillory	FYI	DSS	CRIME/BATTERY: Amends the crime of domestic abuse battery	6/13/07	101	6/22/07	8/15/07
HB 535	Anders	FYI	OFS	ELDERLY: Creates the Aging and Disability Information Station program	6/29/07	406	7/10/07	8/15/07
HB 580	Labruzzo	FYI	DSS	RETIREMENT/STATE-STWIDE: Provides relative to interruptions in post-DROP employment periods occasioned by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita for members of Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System	6/27/07	326	7/9/07	7/9/07
HB 602	Jackson	FYI	OCS	HEALTH CARE/RECORDS: Makes changes to the Health Care Data Reporting provisions to require the electronic release of data being collected.	6/28/07	410	7/10/07	8/15/07

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HB 643	E Romero	FYI	DSS	LIABILITY/CIVIL: Provides relative to civil liability of nonprofit organizations	6/26/07	331	7/9/07	8/15/07
HB 669	Curtis	DSS	OCS, DSS	CHILDREN/FOSTER CARE: Amend Interstate Compact on Placement of Children in the Children's Code to comply with the federal Safe and Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act of 2006. (Proposals 1 and 3 herein may be appropriately included in same bill as proposal 4)	6/27/07	334	7/9/07	8/15/07
HB 727	E Alexander	FYI	DSS	LIABILITY/CIVIL: Provides a limitation of liability for National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster and its participants	6/13/07	109	6/22/07	6/22/07
HB 751	Honey	FYI	OCS	CHILDREN/ADOPTION: Provides for petitioners in intrafamily adoptions.	6/13/07	111	6/22/07	8/15/07
HB 765	Alario	FYI	OCS, DSS	APPROPRIATIONS/SUPPLEMENT: Appropriates the sum of \$100,000,000 from the state general fund for supplemental appropriations for FY 2006-2007 to the division of administration for local match for FEMA Category A and B expenses and other debris removal costs. HB 144 (\$30,000 payment to Ware Youth Center) amended into this supplemental appropriations bill.	6/27/07	203	6/27/07	6/27/07
HB 795	Salter	FYI	OFS	SMALL BUSINESS: Provides relative to the Louisiana Community Development Financial Institution Act	6/28/07	345	7/9/07	6/30/07
HB 806	Thompson	FYI	OFS	RURAL/DEVELOPMENT: Provides for the Center for Rural Initiatives to implement a Delta Development Initiative in specified parishes in northeast Louisiana and specifies what the initiative shall include	6/27/07	347	7/9/07	8/15/07
HB 846	Bruce	FYI	OFS, OCS	COURTS/DISTRICT: Creates a new judicial district out of the 11th JDC. *** See Act for additional effective dates. ***	6/28/07	416	7/10/07	See Act
HB 883	LaFonta	FYI	DSS	HEALTH: Provides with respect to the Louisiana Diabetes Initiatives Council. The DSS secretary or her appointee is a member of the council.	6/28/07	418	7/10/07	8/15/07
HB 931	Alario	FYI	OCS, DSS	APPROPRIATIONS: Appropriates funds for expenses of the Louisiana Judiciary for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Provides funding for statewide operations of the Louisiana Protective Order Registry (R.S. 46:2136.2) under the Case Management Information System. Also, Payable out of the State General Fund for the expenses associated with the operation of the Families in Need of Services Program (FINS).	6/26/07	58	7/6/07	7/1/07

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HB 953	Alario	IMP	DSS	APPROPRIATIONS/SUPPLEMENTAL: Supplemental appropriations. Contains 3 amendments for DSS.	6/27/07	205	6/27/07	6/27/07
HB 963	Marchand	FYI	DSS	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP: Provides for lost wages for domestic violence victims.	6/28/07	421	7/10/07	8/15/07
HB 965	Durand	FYI	DSS	HEALTH CARE: Provides relative to the Louisiana Emergency Response Network. This is a substitute bill for HB 553.	6/27/07	360	7/9/07	8/15/07
HB 969	Downs	FYI	OCS	CRIME/SEX OFFENSES: Prohibits sexual contact between an educator and a student	6/28/07	363	7/9/07	8/15/07
HB 970	Cazayoux	FYI	DSS	SEX OFFENSE/REGISTRY: Provides for comprehensive revision of the sex offender registration and notification provisions. This is a substitute bill for HB 504.	6/28/07	460	7/11/07	See Act
HCR 115	Johns	FYI	LRS	COMMITTEE STUDIES: Requests the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to function as a joint committee to study autism spectrum disorders. The joint committee shall specifically solicit the input, recommendations, and advice from the Vocational Rehabilitation Program within Louisiana Rehabilitation Services in the Department of Social Services in addition to other organizations.	6/25/07			
HCR 137	Winston	IMP	OCS	CHILDREN: Continues the Task Force on Legal Representation in Child Protection Cases for a 5-year period.	6/26/07			
HCR 165	McVea	FYI	OFS	CHILDREN/SUPPORT: Requests the Louisiana State Law Institute to study the extension of child support past the age of majority.	6/26/07			
HCR 210	Toomy	FYI	DSS	HOUSING: Requests the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency to cooperate and coordinate with local governmental subdivisions, and any agency or instrumentality thereof, in the administration and allocation of low-income housing tax credits to provide information regarding applications for such credits to the appropriate local governmental subdivision, and afford such local governmental subdivision an opportunity to comment on, support, or oppose such application prior to the agency's action on the application.	6/18/07			



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HCR 224	Gray	IMP	DSS	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY: Creates the La. Housing and Community Development Advisory Task Force to study and develop recommendations on regional and statewide initiatives to meet the housing and community development needs of La. The secretary of the Department of Social Services or his designee will serve on the task force.	6/20/07			
HSR 3	Barrow	IMP	DSS	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Requests the House Committee on Judiciary and the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to meet and function as a joint committee to study and review during the 2007 Regular Session of the Legislature the status of the state's emergency preparedness capability.	6/4/07			
SB 32	Murray	FYI	DSS	TAX/TAXATION. Grants an individual and corporate income tax deduction for Road Home, Louisiana Recovery Authority, and Louisiana Family Recovery Corps benefits.	6/26/07	247	7/6/07	7/6/07
SB 65	Adley	FYI	LRS	TAX/SALLES: Provides an exemption in the form of a restricted refund of state sales tax to nonprofit organizations which sell donated items and spend at least 75% of their income on matters related to people with workplace disabilities or disadvantages.	6/26/07	464	7/11/07	1/1/08
SB 72	Broome	DSS	OCS, DSS, LICENS	CHILDREN: To amend and reenact Children's Code Articles 603(3) and 612(A)(2) and R.S. 46:56(F)(4)(c), relative to child welfare matters; to provide with respect to certain definitions pertaining to child welfare matters; to provide with respect to interviews and access to individuals in investigations of child welfare matters; to provide for the release of information in certain child welfare matters; and to provide for related matters.	6/19/07	119	6/25/07	6/25/07
SB 73	Broome	IMP	OCS	CHILDREN: Enacts the Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act.	6/28/07	369	7/10/07	8/15/07
SB 91	Nevers	DSS	OCS	CHILDREN: Provides relative to the care of abused and neglected children.	6/20/07	122	6/25/07	6/25/07
SB 102	Jackson	DSS	OFS, DSS, LICENS	CHILDREN: Provides relative to functions of the state relating to licensing of child care institutions. (gov sig)	6/25/07	166	6/27/07	6/27/07

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SB 105	L Jackson	FYI	LRS	VOTERS/VOTING: Permits seniors and handicapped voters to submit a letter advising of condition thereby authorizing early voting by mail for one ye	6/22/07	124	6/25/07	8/15/07
SB 122	Murray	FYI	DSS	LOCAL AGENCIES: Provides in certain expedited procedures under the New Orleans Community Improvement Act	6/27/07	256	7/6/07	7/6/07
SB 136	L Jackson	FYI	DSS	PUBLIC CONTRACTS: Increases the maximum proposal amount for social service contracts	6/25/07	214	7/2/07	8/15/07
SB 179	McPherson	IMP	LRS	HOSPITALS: Establishes the Huey P. Long Medical Center as a state medical center managed and operated by the Louisiana State University (LSU) Board of Supervisors and the health care services divisions of the LSU Health Sciences Center.	6/26/07	220	7/2/07	7/2/07
SB 187	Uilo	FYI	DSS	STUDENTS: Provides relative to Truancy and Assessment and Service Centers.	6/25/07	169	6/27/07	6/27/07
SB 208	Mount	FYI	OFS	CHILDREN: Provides for the appointment and duties of a parenting coordinator in child custody cases	6/27/07	265	7/6/07	8/15/07
SB 232	Bajoie	FYI	DSS	HOUSING: Creates the Louisiana Housing Counseling Centers	6/28/07	383	7/10/07	7/10/07
SB 261	Quinn	FYI	DSS	CRIMINAL PROCEDURE: Provides for assistance with installation and use of a wire, oral, or electronic intercepting device; to extend the time period that an order is in effect to install and use a pen register; and to provide for related matters.	6/22/07	132	6/25/07	8/15/07
SB 265	Uilo	FYI	OCS	SCHOOLS: Changes mandatory expulsion periods for certain student offenses	6/28/07	385	7/10/07	8/15/07
SB 291	Quinn	FYI	OCS	CRIME/PUNISHMENT: Provides relative to stalking.	6/26/07	226	7/2/07	8/15/07
SB 341	Jackson	FYI	OFS	TAX/INCOME/PERSONAL: Provides a refundable earned income tax credit for individuals in an amount equal to 5% percent of the federal earned income tax credit for which the individual is eligible for the taxable year under Section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code. Applicable to tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2008.	6/27/07	278	7/10/07	1/1/08

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SB 361	Duplessis	DSS	OFS, DSS	TAX/TAXATION: Substitute of Senate Bill No. 189 by Senator Duplessis. Grants school readiness tax credits to individuals for child care expenses of children five and under, to child care providers, to child care directors and staff, and to businesses providing assistance for child care.	6/28/07	394	7/10/07	7/10/07
SCR 58	Mount	IMP	DSS	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. Creates the Louisiana Task Force on Domestic Violence.	6/28/07			
SCR 126	Broome	IMP	DSS	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Requests the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness to study the appropriate housing of registered sexual offenders during emergencies.	6/28/07			
SR 128	Broome	IMP	DSS	SOCIAL SERVICES DEPT: Requests the Department of Social Services to utilize facilities at the Gillis W. Long Center at Carville, Louisiana, to house sex offenders in the event of an evacuation necessitated by a declaration of disaster or emergency.	6/28/07			

**TOTAL NUMBER OF BILLS - 70**

## BILL NUMBER TO ACT NUMBER TABLE

	Bill #	Act #	Signed	Effective
HB	1	18	7/12/07	7/1/07
HB	2	28	7/19/07	7/19/07
HB	21	62	6/21/07	8/15/07
HB	33	2	6/8/07	6/8/07
HB	72	3	6/8/07	6/8/07
HB	73	138	6/25/07	8/15/07
HB	136	70	6/22/07	8/15/07
HB	148	283	7/9/07	8/15/07
HB	149	139	6/25/07	8/15/07
HB	178	396	7/10/07	See Act
HB	182	285	7/9/07	7/1/07
HB	203	140	6/25/07	8/15/07
HB	283	4	6/8/07	8/15/07
HB	340	148	6/25/07	8/15/07
HB	393	95	6/22/07	8/15/07
HB	412	436	7/11/07	8/15/07
HB	436	307	7/9/07	8/15/07
HB	439	50	6/18/07	6/18/07
HB	441	309	7/9/07	7/1/07
HB	452	476	7/12/07	8/15/07
HB	479	313	7/9/07	8/15/07
HB	493	315	7/9/07	1/1/08
HB	501	99	6/22/07	8/15/07
HB	516	154	6/25/07	6/25/07
HB	519	101	6/22/07	8/15/07
HB	535	406	7/10/07	8/15/07
HB	580	326	7/9/07	7/9/07

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HB	602	410	7/10/07	8/15/07
HB	643	331	7/9/07	8/15/07
HB	669	334	7/9/07	8/15/07
HB	727	109	6/22/07	6/22/07
HB	751	111	6/22/07	8/15/07
HB	765	203	6/27/07	6/27/07
HB	795	345	7/9/07	6/30/07
HB	806	347	7/9/07	8/15/07
HB	846	416	7/10/07	See Act
HB	883	418	7/10/07	8/15/07
HB	931	58	7/6/07	7/1/07
HB	953	205	6/27/07	6/27/07
HB	963	421	7/10/07	8/15/07
HB	965	360	7/9/07	8/15/07
HB	969	363	7/9/07	8/15/07
HB	970	460	7/11/07	See Act
SB	32	247	7/6/07	7/6/07
SB	65	464	7/11/07	1/1/08
SB	72	119	6/25/07	6/25/07
SB	73	369	7/10/07	8/15/07
SB	91	122	6/25/07	6/25/07
SB	102	166	6/27/07	6/27/07
SB	105	124	6/25/07	8/15/07
SB	122	256	7/6/07	7/6/07
SB	136	214	7/2/07	8/15/07
SB	179	220	7/2/07	7/2/07
SB	187	169	6/27/07	6/27/07
SB	208	265	7/6/07	8/15/07
SB	232	383	7/10/07	7/10/07

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SB	265	385	7/10/07	8/15/07
SB	291	226	7/2/07	8/15/07
SB	341	278	7/10/07	1/1/08
SB	361	394	7/10/07	7/10/07

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3	HB 72	6/8/07	6/8/07
4	HB 283	6/8/07	8/15/07
18	HB 1	7/12/07	7/1/07
28	HB 2	7/19/07	7/19/07
50	HB 439	6/18/07	6/18/07
58	HB 931	7/6/07	7/1/07
62	HB 21	6/21/07	8/15/07
70	HB 136	6/22/07	8/15/07
95	HB 393	6/22/07	8/15/07
99	HB 501	6/22/07	8/15/07
101	HB 519	6/22/07	8/15/07
109	HB 727	6/22/07	6/22/07
111	HB 751	6/22/07	8/15/07
119	SB 72	6/25/07	6/25/07
122	SB 91	6/25/07	6/25/07
124	SB 105	6/25/07	8/15/07
132	SB 261	6/25/07	8/15/07
138	HB 73	6/25/07	8/15/07
139	HB 149	6/25/07	8/15/07
140	HB 203	6/25/07	8/15/07
148	HB 340	6/25/07	8/15/07
154	HB 516	6/25/07	6/25/07
166	SB 102	6/27/07	6/27/07
169	SB 187	6/27/07	6/27/07
203	HB 765	6/27/07	6/27/07
205	HB 953	6/27/07	6/27/07
214	SB 136	7/2/07	8/15/07

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220	SB 179	7/2/07	7/2/07
226	SB 291	7/2/07	8/15/07
247	SB 32	7/6/07	7/6/07
256	SB 122	7/6/07	7/6/07
265	SB 208	7/6/07	8/15/07
278	SB 341	7/10/07	1/1/08
283	HB 148	7/9/07	8/15/07
285	HB 182	7/9/07	7/1/07
307	HB 436	7/9/07	8/15/07
309	HB 441	7/9/07	7/1/07
313	HB 479	7/9/07	8/15/07
315	HB 493	7/9/07	1/1/08
326	HB 580	7/9/07	7/9/07
331	HB 643	7/9/07	8/15/07
334	HB 669	7/9/07	8/15/07
345	HB 795	7/9/07	6/30/07
347	HB 806	7/9/07	8/15/07
360	HB 965	7/9/07	8/15/07
363	HB 969	7/9/07	8/15/07
369	SB 73	7/10/07	8/15/07
383	SB 232	7/10/07	7/10/07
385	SB 265	7/10/07	8/15/07
394	SB 361	7/10/07	7/10/07
396	HB 178	7/10/07	See Act
406	HB 535	7/10/07	8/15/07
410	HB 602	7/10/07	8/15/07
416	HB 846	7/10/07	See Act
418	HB 883	7/10/07	8/15/07
421	HB 963	7/10/07	8/15/07



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436	HB 412	7/11/07	8/15/07
460	HB 970	7/11/07	See Act
464	SB 65	7/11/07	1/1/08
476	HB 452	7/12/07	8/15/07

## DSS BILL MATRIX

Bill	Description	Author	1 <sup>st</sup> - House	Comm Report	Passed	2nd- House	Comm Report	Passed	Signed
HB 393	Indigent Parent Legal Representation	Winston	5/14 HAC	5/15	5/16a	5/21 SHWC	5/30	6/ 7	a: 95 e: 8/15
HB 669	Interstate Placement of Foster Children	Curtis	4/20 HHWC	5/14ca	5/21ca/a	5/23 SHWC	6/13	6/20a	a: 334 e: 8/15
SB 72	Domestic Relations/Child Welfare Matters	Broome	4/17 SHWC	5/ 2ca	5/ 8ca	5/ 9 HHWC	6/ 5	6/18	a: 119 e: 6/25
SB 91	Care of Abused and Neglected Children	Nevers	4/18 SJC- A	5/ 8ca	5/15ca/a	5/17 HHWC	6/ 5	6/18a	a: 122 e: 6/25
SB 102	Child Care Institutions Licensure	Jackson	4/18 SHWC	5/ 2	5/ 8	5/ 9 HHWC	6/13	6/22	a: 166 e: 6/27
SB 361	Child Care Tax Credits-Sub. SB 189	Duplessis	5/22		5/29a	5/31 HWMC	6/18	6/24a	a: 394 e: 7/10
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## DETAILED SUMMARY/HISTORY OF ENACTED DSS BILLS

### HB 393                  Winston                  Indigent Parent Legal Representation Act 95

#### Agency Impacted:    OCS

HB 393 provides for the incremental implementation of a uniform system of representation of indigent parents in child abuse and neglect cases through a specialized Indigent Parents' Representation Program to be developed within the Louisiana Indigent Defense Assistance Board. This is companion legislation to Act 271 of 2006 creating a specialized Child Advocacy Program within the existing Mental Health Advocacy Service to provide for the representation of children. Both bills were developed by the legislative Task Force on Legal Representation in Child Protection Cases which is charged with facilitating the implementation of recommendations for improving the efficient and effective provision of legal representation of children and indigent parents in child protection proceedings.

Date	Chamber	Action
06/22/2007	H	Effective date: August 15, 2007.
06/22/2007	H	Signed by the Governor. Becomes Act No. 95.
06/15/2007	H	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
06/13/2007	S	Signed by the President of the Senate.
06/12/2007	H	Enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House.
06/11/2007	H	Read by title, roll called, yeas 100, nays 0, Senate amendments concurred in.
06/07/2007	H	Received from the Senate with amendments.
06/07/2007	S	Read by title and finally passed as amended 35 yeas and 0 nays; title read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.
06/07/2007	S	Rules suspended.
06/04/2007	S	Reported with Legislative Bureau amendments which were read and adopted. Read by title and passed to a third reading.
05/31/2007	S	Read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.
05/30/2007	S	Reported favorably.
05/21/2007	S	Read second time by title and referred to committee on Health and Welfare.
05/17/2007	S	Received in the Senate. Read first time by title, lies over under the rules.
05/16/2007	H	Read third time by title, amended, roll called on final passage, yeas 97, nays 0. Finally passed, title adopted, ordered to the Senate.
05/15/2007	H	Rules suspended. Read by title, passed to 3rd reading - regular calendar.
05/15/2007	H	Reported favorably (13-0) (Regular).
05/14/2007	H	Read by title, recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.
05/10/2007	H	Read by title, amended, ordered engrossed, passed to 3rd reading - regular calendar.
05/09/2007	H	Reported with amendments (9-0) (Regular).
04/30/2007	H	Read by title, under the rules, referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.
04/23/2007	H	First appeared in the Interim Calendar on 4/20/2007.
04/18/2007	H	Under the rules, provisionally referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.
04/18/2007	H	Prefiled.

### HB 669                  Curtis                  Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act 334

#### Agency Impacted:    OCS

Act 334 makes necessary state law revisions to comply with the federal "Safe and Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act of 2006".

Date	Chamber	Action
07/09/2007	H	Effective date: August 15, 2007
07/09/2007	H	Signed by the Governor. Becomes Act No. 334
06/29/2007	H	Sent to the Governor for executive approval.
06/27/2007	S	Signed by the President of the Senate.
06/27/2007	H	Enrolled and signed by the Speaker of the House.
06/26/2007	H	Read by title, roll called, yeas 101, nays 0, Senate amendments concurred in.
06/20/2007	H	Received from the Senate with amendments.
06/20/2007	S	Senate floor amendments read and adopted. Read by title and finally passed as amended, 38 yeas and 0 nays; title read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.
06/18/2007	S	Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments, read by title and passed to a third reading.
06/14/2007	S	Read by title and referred to the Legislative Bureau.
06/13/2007	S	Reported favorably.
05/23/2007	S	Read second time by title and referred to committee on Health and Welfare.
05/22/2007	S	Received in the Senate. Read first time by title, lies over under the rules.
05/21/2007	H	Read third time by title, amended, roll called on final passage, yeas 96, nays 0. Finally passed, title adopted, ordered to the Senate.
05/21/2007	H	Rules suspended, called out of its regular order.
05/16/2007	H	Notice given.
05/16/2007	H	Read by title, returned to the calendar.
05/15/2007	H	Read by title, amended, ordered engrossed, passed to 3rd reading - regular calendar.
05/15/2007	H	Called from the calendar.
05/15/2007	H	Returned to the calendar.
05/14/2007	H	Reported with amendments (10-0) (Regular).
04/30/2007	H	Read by title, under the rules, referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.
04/23/2007	H	First appeared in the Interim Calendar on 4/20/2007.
04/20/2007	H	Under the rules, provisionally referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.
04/20/2007	H	Prefiled

**SB 72                      Broome                      Domestic Relations/Child Welfare Matters**  
**Act 119**

**Agency Impacted:    OCS/OFS**

Act 119 amends the definition of "caretaker" in the Children's Code relative to registered Family Day Homes (FDHs) for child care, allowing DSS to notify parents of children of a valid abuse finding as was already allowed for public or private child-care centers. Also authorizes DSS to release to the Dept. of Education limited information as to valid findings of child abuse, neglect, or exploitation occurring at a family child day care home that is registered by that department.

Date	Chamber	Action
06/25/2007	S	Effective date 6/25/07.
06/25/2007	S	Signed by the Governor. Becomes Act No. 119.
06/20/2007	S	Sent to the Governor for Executive approval.
06/19/2007	H	Signed by the Speaker of the House.
06/19/2007	S	Enrolled and signed by the President of the Senate.
06/18/2007	S	Received from the House without amendments.

06/18/2007	H	Read third time by title, roll called on final passage, yeas 100, nays 0. Finally passed, ordered to the Senate.
06/07/2007	H	Read by title, passed to 3rd reading - regular calendar.
06/06/2007	H	Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments.
06/05/2007	H	Reported favorably (11-0) (Regular). Referred to the Legislative Bureau.
05/09/2007	H	Read by title, under the rules, referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.
05/08/2007	H	Received in the House from the Senate, read by title, lies over under the rules
05/08/2007	S	Read by title and finally passed, 38 yeas and 0 nays. Title read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.
05/07/2007	S	Read by title, committee amendments read and adopted. Ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.
05/02/2007	S	Reported with amendments.
04/30/2007	S	Read by title and referred to the committee on Health and Welfare.
04/17/2007	S	Prefiled and under the rules provisionally referred to the committee on Health and Welfare.

**SB 91                      Nevers                      Care of Abused and Neglected Children**  
**Act 122**

**Agency Impacted:    OCS**

Act 122 clarifies the rights of foster parents regarding information to which they are entitled and allows DSS to decide against co-location when two DSS offices are within 2 miles of each other.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Chamber</b>	<b>Action</b>
06/25/2007	S	Effective date 6/25/07.
06/25/2007	S	Signed by the Governor. Becomes Act No. 122.
06/22/2007	S	Sent to the Governor for Executive approval.
06/21/2007	H	Signed by the Speaker of the House.
06/21/2007	S	Enrolled and signed by the President of the Senate.
06/20/2007	S	Amendments proposed by the House read and concurred in, 32 yeas and 0 nays. Motion to reconsider tabled.
06/18/2007	S	Received from the House with amendments.
06/18/2007	H	Read third time by title, amended, roll called on final passage, yeas 105, nays 0. Finally passed, ordered to the Senate.
06/07/2007	H	Read by title, passed to 3rd reading - regular calendar.
06/06/2007	H	Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments.
06/05/2007	H	Reported favorably (10-0) (Regular). Referred to the Legislative Bureau.
05/17/2007	H	Read by title, under the rules, referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.
05/16/2007	H	Received in the House from the Senate, read by title, lies over under the rules
05/15/2007	S	Read by title and finally passed as amended 37 yeas and 0 nays. Title read and adopted, bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.
05/15/2007	S	Called from the calendar.
05/14/2007	S	Read by title. Returned to the calendar subject to call
05/09/2007	S	Read by title, committee amendments read and adopted. Ordered engrossed and passed to a third reading.
05/08/2007	S	Reported with amendments.
04/30/2007	S	Read by title and referred to the committee on Judiciary A.
04/18/2007	S	Prefiled and under the rules provisionally referred to the committee on Judiciary A.

**SB 102                      Jackson                      Child Care Institutions Licensure**  
**Act 166**

**Agency Impacted: OFS**

Act 166, transfers child-care licensing function within DSS to the Office of Family Support from the Office of the Secretary/Bureau of Licensing.

Date	Chamber	Action
06/27/2007	S	Effective date 6/27/07.
06/27/2007	S	Signed by the Governor. Becomes Act No. 166.
06/25/2007	S	Sent to the Governor for Executive approval.
06/25/2007	H	Signed by the Speaker of the House.
06/25/2007	S	Enrolled and signed by the President of the Senate.
06/24/2007	S	Received from the House without amendments.
06/22/2007	H	Read third time by title, roll called on final passage, yeas 97, nays 0. Finally passed, ordered to the Senate.
06/18/2007	H	Read by title, passed to 3rd reading - regular calendar.
06/14/2007	H	Reported without Legislative Bureau amendments.
06/13/2007	H	Reported favorably (10-0) (Regular). Referred to the Legislative Bureau.
05/09/2007	H	Read by title, under the rules, referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.
05/08/2007	H	Received in the House from the Senate, read by title, lies over under the rules
05/08/2007	S	Read by title and finally passed, 29 yeas and 7 nays. Title read and adopted and bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.
05/07/2007	S	Read by title, engrossed and passed to a third reading.
05/02/2007	S	Reported favorably.
04/30/2007	S	Read by title and referred to the committee on Health and Welfare.
04/18/2007	S	Prefiled and under the rules provisionally referred to the committee on Health and Welfare.

**SB 361                  Duplessis                  Child Care Tax Credits – Substitute Bill for SB 189**  
**Act 394**

**Agency Impacted: OFS**

Act 394 grants school readiness tax credits to individuals for child care expenses of children five and under, to child care providers, to child care directors and staff, and to businesses providing assistance for child care based on center rankings in the new child care Quality Rating System.

Date	Chamber	Action
07/10/2007	S	Effective date 7/10/07
07/10/2007	S	Signed by the Governor. Becomes Act No. 394
06/28/2007	S	Sent to the Governor for executive approval on 6/29.
06/28/2007	H	Signed by the Speaker of the House.
06/28/2007	S	Enrolled and signed by the President of the Senate.
06/26/2007	S	Amendments proposed by the House read and concurred in, 38 yeas and 0 nays. Motion to reconsider tabled.
06/24/2007	S	Received from the House with amendments.
06/24/2007	H	Read third time by title, amended, roll called on final passage, yeas 102, nays 0. Finally passed, ordered to the Senate.
06/20/2007	H	Read by title, amended, passed to 3rd reading - regular calendar.
06/19/2007	H	Reported with Legislative Bureau amendments.
06/18/2007	H	Reported favorably (14-0-1) (Regular). Referred to the Legislative Bureau.
05/31/2007	H	Read by title, under the rules, referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
05/30/2007	H	Received in the House from the Senate, read by title, lies over under the rules
05/29/2007	S	Read by title and finally passed as amended 37 yeas and 0 nays. Title read and adopted, bill ordered to the House. Motion to reconsider tabled.
05/23/2007	S	Read by title, engrossed and passed to a third reading.
05/22/2007	S	Substitute for Senate Bill No. 189; read by title.

## SUPER IMPACT BILL MATRIX

Bill	Description	Author	1st-House	Comm Report	Passed	2nd-House	Comm Report	Passed	Signed
HB 669	Interstate Placement of Foster Children	Curtis	4/20 HHWC	5/14ca	5/21ca/a	5/23 SHWC	6/13	6/20a	a: 334 e: 8/15
SB 361	Child Care Tax Credits-Sub. SB 189	Duplessis	5/22		5/29a	5/31 HWMC	6/18	6/24a	a: 394 e: 7/10
<b>2</b> <b>100%</b>	<b>- Totals -</b>		<b>2</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>2</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>2</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>2</b> <b>100.0%</b>	<b>2</b> <b>100.0%</b>

## **SUMMARY OF ENACTED SUPER IMPACT BILLS**

**HB 669**            **Curtis**            **Interstate Placement of Foster Children**  
**Act 334**

**Agency Impacted:**    OCS

Act 334 makes necessary state law revisions to comply with the federal "Safe and Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act of 2006".

**SB 361**            **Duplessis**            **Child Care Tax Credits – Substitute Bill for SB 189**  
**Act 394**

**Agency Impacted:**    OFS

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**SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ENACTED IMPACT BILLS/RESOLUTIONS****HB 148            Farrar            Assistant District Attorney's Salary Increase****Act 283****Agency Impacted:**    OFS

Increases the annual salaries of ADAs payable by the state.

**HB 149            Martiny            Deferred Annuity Lottery Prize Assignment****Act 139****Agency Impacted:**    OFS

Provides for the assignment of deferred annuity lottery prizes upon court order. Proposed law provides that voluntary assignments may not include payments which are subject to child support or bankruptcy proceedings.

**HB 178            Doerge            Prenatal Neglect Alcohol Exposure****Act 396****Agency Impacted:**    OCS

Amends the definition of a newborn. Also, the definition of "prenatal neglect" has been amended to include "fetal alcohol syndrome" (FAS), and, in Article 610, to add reporting procedures for physicians.

**HB 203            Ansardi            Civil Actions Discovery****Act 140****Agency Impacted:**    All

Provides for discovery in civil actions; to provide for the scope of discovery; to provide exceptions to disclosure; to provide remedies for inadvertent disclosure; to provide for discovery of experts; to provide for discovery of electronically stored information; to provide for live trial testimony by video; to provide for delivery of process by commercial carrier; and to provide for related matters.

**HB 883            LaFonta            Diabetes Initiative****Act 418****Agency Impacted:**    All

Adds to the powers, duties, functions, and membership of the Louisiana Diabetes Initiatives Council. The DSS Secretary or her designee, is a member.

**HB 953            Alario            Supplemental Appropriations****Act 205****Agency Impacted:**    All

Supplemental appropriations for FY2007 include the following: \$8.3 million for OCS to recover from the federal Deficit Reduction Act; \$600,000 for OCS attorney fees; \$650,000 for emergency preparedness.

**HCR 137            Winston            Task Force on Child Protection Cases****Agency Impacted:**    OCS

Continues the Task Force on Legal Representation in Child Protection Cases for a 5-year period.

**HCR 165            McVea            Child Support Past the Age of Majority Study.****Agency Impacted:**    OFS

Requests the Louisiana State Law Institute to study the extension of child support past the age of majority.

**HCR 224            Gray            Louisiana Housing and Community Development  
Advisory Task Force****Division Impacted:**    OS

Creates the Louisiana Housing and Community Development Advisory Task Force to study and develop recommendations for regional and statewide strategies and initiatives to meet the housing and community development needs of Louisiana. DSS Secretary or her designee serves on the task force. First meeting of the task force by September 1, 2007.

**SB 73            Broome            Uniform Child Abduction Act****Act: 369****Agency Impacted:**    OCS

Creates the Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act which primarily prevents abduction of children by a caretaker in split custody situations.

**SB 179            McPherson            Huey P. Long Hospital Transfer****Act: 220****Agency Impacted:**    LRS

Transfers Huey P. Long Hospital to LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport. Gives preference to blind persons under administration of DSS in vending services.

**SCR 58            Mount            Domestic Violence Study****Agency Impacted:**    All

Senate Committee on Judiciary C and the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to meet and function as a joint committee to study current law, policies, and practices in response to domestic and dating violence and make recommendations for legislation to the Legislature of Louisiana no later than March 1, 2008. The joint committee shall seek the advice, input, and recommendations from multiple sources including the DSS secretary.

**SCR 126           Broome           Housing Sexual Offenders****Division Impacted:**    OM & F

Requests the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness to establish a committee to study the appropriate housing of registered sexual offenders during emergencies. DSS secretary or her designee is a member of the committee. Committee requested to conduct its first meeting not later than October 1, 2007, and to forward a report of its findings, with its recommendations, including any recommendations for legislation necessary for implementation, to the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives not later than February 28, 2008.

**SCR 128           Broome           Gillis W. Long Center/Hose Sex Offenders****Agency Impacted:**    All

Requests the Department of Social Services to utilize facilities at the Gillis W. Long Center at Carville, Louisiana, to house sex offenders in the event of an evacuation necessitated by a declaration of disaster or emergency.

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## LEGISLATION DELEGATING CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES TO DSS

**HB 883            LaFonta            Diabetes Initiative****Agency Impacted:**    All

Adds to the powers, duties, functions, and membership of the Louisiana Diabetes Initiatives Council. The DSS Secretary or her designee, is a member.

**HB 115            Johns            Study Request/Autism Spectrum Disorder****Agency Impacted:**    LRS

Requests the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to function as a joint committee to study autism spectrum disorders. The joint committee will solicit the input, recommendations, and advice from multiple organizations including Louisiana Rehabilitation Services.

**HCR 137            Winston            Task Force on Legal Representation in Child Protection Cases****Agency Impacted:**    OCS

Continues the Task Force on Legal Representation in Child Protection Cases for a five-year period. Added a designee from the Louisiana Children's Justice Act Task Force and a designee from Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers to the task force. DSS and the Louisiana Supreme Court will continue to provide staff to assist the task force in facilitating implementation of its recommendations. Task force members include the OCS assistant secretary or her designee, the DSS general counsel or his designee, and the administrator of the OCS legal fee processing section.

**HCR 165            McVea            Child Support Past the Age of Majority Study.****Agency Impacted:**    OFS

Requests the Louisiana State Law Institute to study the extension of child support past the age of majority. Will possibly solicit input from SES.

**HCR 224            Gray            Louisiana Housing and Community Development Advisory Task Force****Division Impacted:**    OM&F

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